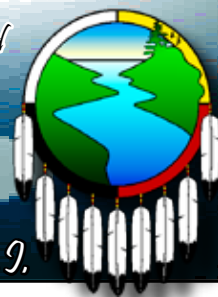


Rapid River News!

From L.R.B.O.I.



(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied to the Ogema concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business.)

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Click here for LRRCR Employment

<http://www.lrcr.com/employment.html>

Muskegon Project Moves Forward... see press release Page 7



Investigation Training at LRRCR

The casino and Tribal Public Safety Department sponsored two days of specialized training in conducting background investigations last week. The training brought in officers from across the state and from as far away as Virginia. This is important for the tribe as we enforce the Indian Child Welfare Act. See the story in the next Currents.

Spring Membership Meeting

The Office of the Ogema has just announced that the Spring meeting will be live-streamed over the internet and you will be able to watch it at:

<http://www.ustream.tv/channel/lrboi-2010-spring-membership-meeting>

Open Board of Director Meetings at LRRCR:

- o March 26 at 4pm
- o April 9 at 4pm

Warriors Society Updates

Warriors Society next meeting is April 3rd

- Warriors Society Updates. The Warrior Society has several announcements:
 - o They wish to acknowledge tribal descendents currently serving in a combat zone as well as tribal citizens from LRBOI. Please contact the Warrior Society with your information.
 - o A new ordinance is being reviewed right now for the group and it should be available within the next two months.
 - o Next meeting is the 3rd of April at the Aki Community Center



Wii Bowling League

Wii Bowling for Elders. The CHRs from Tribal Health have started Wii bowling for the Elders at the Community Center on Tuesday afternoons at 1 p.m. The fun game is really taking off and they hope to add more days as more and more people sign up. For more information, contact your CHR or Tribal Health. Pictures and an article will be in the next Currents.

Enrollment Department

The Enrollment Department would like to remind all Tribal Members who have not filled out a Beneficiary form or a PerCap Beneficiary form needs to contact our office. Please remember that these forms have to be notarized. There are still some Tribal Members who need to update their addresses. If you have moved, are moving in the near future or know someone who has moved please contact our office to update the address. This form has to be notarized as well.

LRBOI Jiingtamok

LRBOI Jiingtamok for 2010 will be held the 3rd and 4th of July at the gathering grounds. Drums and other persons have not yet been finalized. Vendors can contact Valerie (or Terri), although invitations are also being sent. Vendor space is \$100 for 20ft of "frontage", slightly higher for food vendors (who get 40ft). Grand Entries will be 1 PM and 7 PM on the 3rd and 1PM on the 4th. More details will be released as they become available. Call 1-888-723-8288 ext 6891 for more details.

Tribal Government Internships

LRBOI Tribal Preference College Students at least 18 years of age may qualify for a paid internship in a Tribal Government Office. For details on how you

may qualify, contact the Workforce Development

Specialist at 231-398-6842, toll free at 1-888-723-8288 extension 6842, or by e-mail at dhawley@lrboi.com.

Elders Meeting:

First
Saturday of
every month



Payment Delays

It has come to the attention of the Enrollment Department that there have been a number of situations whereby access to Per Capita and Bereavement Benefit payments have been hindered because of the individual who is listed as the beneficiary. The cause of the problem has been due to the listing of a minor child as the beneficiary. The En-

CMU Pow Wow

The Celebrating Life Pow Wow for CMU is scheduled for March 20-21 at the Rose Arena. Grand Entry Saturday 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday Noon Head Veteran: George Martin. MC: Sonny Smart. Head Dancers: To be picked daily. Arena Director: Dave Shananaquet. Host Drum: TBA. For more info: Native American Programs, Bovee 125, Mount Pleasant, MI 48859. 989-774-2508. www.cmich.edu/powwow

Vouchers for Newly Hired Tribal Citizens

LRBOI Tribal Citizens at least 18 years of age who are newly hired may qualify for a Career Assistance Voucher of \$200.00 and/or an Employment Daycare Assistance Voucher of \$250.00 through the LRBOI Workforce Development Program. If you are a new hire, please contact the Workforce Development Specialist within 30 days of hire at 231-398-6842, toll free at 1-888-723-8288 extension 6842, or by e-mail at dhawley@lrboi.com.

Come Join the Diabetes Talking Circle

- Learn:
- Myths about diabetes
- Diabetes prevention
- Diabetes risk factors
- Types of diabetes
- Eating healthy, dietary guidelines
- Reading food labels and shopping for healthy foods
- Healthy food preparation
- Traditional foods
- Routine medical care

This group can help support your desire to change your eating habits/diet, support a family member with diabetes, and assist you in making changes to be healthier. Tuesday 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at the Tribal Health Clinic or Wednesday 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Aki Community Center. Classes run for 12 weeks. For more information or to sign up for a class contact Holly Davis RN, MSN Diabetes Educator/Community Health Nurse 231-398-6610 or Teresa Johnson Community Health Representative at 231-398-6629.

3rd Annual SagChip Round Dance

The 3rd annual round dance has been announced for March 13th at the Tribal Gym. Feast is at 5 p.m. and dancing is from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. A midnight snack will be provided. For more info, call Nathan Isaac at 989-600-5549 or Dan Jackson at 989-400-6644. There is a \$1000 Grand Prize drawing at 1 a.m.

Youth Build Manistee

Northwest Michigan Works! is expanding the Youth-Build program to include Manistee/Benzie, Traverse City, and Beaver Island. A national program, YouthBuild trains high school drop-out youth, ages 18 to 24, in the construction trades. Hands-on learning takes place in building affordable housing within the community. The youth spend 50% of their time on academics -- obtaining a high school diploma or preparing for the GED. For more information or an application form contact David Hawley, LRBOI Workforce Development Specialist (ext 6842). Link for more information: <http://www.nwm.org/youthbuild.asp>

Troops Fishing Tournament

The Little River Casino Resort is partnering with Manistee County Charter Boat Captains for the inaugural Tight Lines for Troops charity salmon fishing tournament. The event has been scheduled for Monday, May 24th, 2010 on Lake Michigan. Watch the Currents for complete details.

United Way Manistee

The county United Way effort is closing in on their goal for this campaign. The most successful division so far is the LRBOI/LRCR one which is at 141% of their goal, raising \$17,463 to eclipse the goal of \$12,400.

Commissions/Committees:

The following commissions have current openings.

Gaming Commission	2 openings
Natural Resource	1 opening
Binojeeuk	2 openings
Muschigon	3 openings
LRCR Board	2 openings
All other commission seats available have been filled.	

Seasonal Natural Resource jobs

The Tribal Natural Resources Department has announced that once again, seasonal positions with the department will be available. This popular program has helped a number of students and has been a great assist to our NR Department as they work on their projects.

The seasonal positions will be to assist the fisheries and aquatic biologists with projects such as fishery population monitoring, sturgeon work and stream restoration research including wild rice planning. These positions will include extensive fieldwork, equipment upkeep, stream electrofishing, sturgeon collection and rearing, macroinvertebrate sampling and data analysis. This position requires flexibility in scheduling including late nights and weekends.

Qualifications for the positions include:

Required:

- *A minimum of enrollment in BS degree in Biology (or related field)
- * Knowledge of fisheries and other aquatic sampling techniques
- *Electrofishing, telemetry, water sampling
- *Valid driver license throughout employment as needed

Preferred:

- *Two years experience in biological sampling techniques
- *Macroinvertebrate Identification

The positions will start in early May and continue through August. If you are interested please send your resume to LRBOI Human Resources, 375 River St. Manistee, MI 49660 and indicate that you are interested in temporary work in the Natural Resources Department. For more information, contact the Natural Resources office toll-free at 1.866.723.1594 or within the Manistee area at 723.1594.

NEW RENTAL HOMES AVAILABLE SOON

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Housing Department is pleased to announce that we will have five new 3-bedroom homes available soon for rent at Aki Maadiziwin in Manistee. These are newly constructed single family homes with all new appliances (including washer/dryer, microwave), attached garages and full basements.

These homes are available for low-income families. To be considered "low-income" your annual gross household income cannot exceed the amounts listed below.

Family Size	1	2	3	4
Income	\$35,850	\$40,950	\$46,100	\$51,200
	5	6		
	\$55,300	\$59,400		

Monthly rental payments will be 20% of the household's adjusted monthly income plus utilities.

Copies of the Regulations governing eligibility and occupancy may be obtained from the Housing Department or the tribal web site.

If you are interested in applying for a rental unit, please call the Housing Department Toll Free at 1.888.723.8288 or direct 231.398.6876.

38th Annual Dance For Mother Earth Pow Wow

Date: April 10th & 11th

Location: Saline Middle School - Saline, MI (just South

of Ann Arbor) Master of Ceremonies: Sandon Jacobs

Head Veteran: George Martin

Head Dancers: Marcus Winchester, Janis Fairbanks, Bleu Bird, and Julie George

Host Drum: Smokeytown

Invited Drums: Kingbird and Tha Tribe

Hosted By: The Native American Student Association at the University of Michigan

For more information go to: www.umich.edu/~powwow/

or contact: powwow_committee@yahoo.com

HIS & HERS GOOD FELLOWSHIP AA GROUP

HIS & HERS GOOD FELLOWSHIP AA GROUP has been moved to the Aki Community Center at 2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung, Manistee. That is at the corner of Dontz Rd. and Shaw Be Quo-Ung (Aki Housing area). The group still meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening.

Indian Health Service Scholarships

American Indian and Alaska Native students are invited to apply for pre-graduate scholarships from the Indian Health Service. Applicants must be U.S. citizens who can

document that they meet Tribal membership requirements and are enrolled in courses leading to a bachelor's degree in specific pre-professional areas as needed by Indian Health programs.

Applications are due March 28, 2010. Complete details,

including an online application, can be found at the

Encode your Card!

The Enrollment Department and Tax Department have announced that you must have your Tribal ID card encoded so that you can continue to receive your discount at the Trading Post on motor fuel, tobacco and cigarette purchases. Please stop by the Enrollment Department (at the Old Community Center on US 31 in Manistee) and they will update your card for you beginning March 8th, 2010. Enrollment will also be set up at the Spring Membership Meeting to update ID cards. If you don't encode your card, you will not be able to receive the Tribal Member discount at the Gas Station!

Per Cap Direct Deposit

Here are the deadlines for the upcoming Per Cap payment:
March 27, 2010 - Deadline for submitting a
Direct Deposit Cancellation form

Census 2010 Assistance

Liz Detz from the Census 2010 organization will be at the Community Center (Aki) on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. through April 19th to answer questions about the Census or assist with filling out the forms.

Remember to use these words on the form where it asks for your tribe..."Little River Ottawa."

This will ensure that our tribe is accurately counted and included in this important census.



Muskegon Four Season's Kateri Circle Gathering for 2010

- o Dates and Times for coming events—Patti Wlodkowski 755-4865
- o Easter Gathering –March 28 , 11am – 4pm – Easter egg hunt
- o Summer Gathering August 8, 10:30-3pm Krause Park, Muskegon
- o Halloween Gathering Oct. 17, 11 am – 4 pm costume party
- o Ghost Supper. Geba-geshick Nov. 7 11 am – 4 pm
- o Christmas Gathering Dec. 19, 11 am – 4 pm
- o Times for the Gatherings held at ST. Thomas Hall 3252 Apple Ave. Muskegon, MI
- o The Time for the Summer Gathering will be 10:30 am to 3 pm which will be held at Krause Park
{End of Sherman blvd.}
- o For all gatherings it is requested that those attending the POTLUCK bring a dish to pass
We try to eat at noon for all gatherings
- o For Easter –Halloween and Christmas gatherings we would like donations of candy so we can
make up goodies bags for the children, with the extra going to everyone
Any person who wishes to sell their handmade items at our gatherings is welcome to do so ,
but you are responsible for your own items.....

(Kateri Circle)

"We were taught generosity to the poor and reverence for the Great Mystery. Religion was the basis of all Indian training."

--Charles A. Eastman (Ohiyesa), SANTEE SIOUX

Every Indian knows and has a feeling inside that, bottom line, our real purpose on earth is to be of service to our fellow man and to be of maximum service to the Great Spirit. The Creator designed the earth to be self supporting - everything is interconnected and all things were created to be of service to each other. The Indian way is to pray about all things. Religion is not separate from any part of our lives. Everything is spiritual and we are to view all matters in this way. Family is spiritual, work is spiritual, helping others is spiritual, our bodies are spiritual, our talk is spiritual, our thoughts are spiritual. We need to practice seeing all things as spiritual.

This information is subject to change without prior notice. Updated: 3-2-10

If you are interested in a hearing, please call the Tribal Court office (231-398-3406) the day before to confirm the schedule.

CO - Cora Offense/Conservation
DM - Divorce with children
EB - Election Board Appeal
FSJ - Foreign Support Judgment
GM - Guardianship of Minor
JV - Juvenile
NC - Name Change
TA - Trust Access

CS - Child Support
DO - Divorce w/o children
EM - Emancipation of Minor
GA - Gaming Appeal
GR - Employment Matter
LT - Landlord Tenant
PF - Probate
TM - Tribal Misdemeanor

CT - Civil Ticket
EA - Enrollment Appeal
FJ - Foreign Judgment
GC - General Civil
JC - Judicial Complaint
NA - Neglect Abuse
PPO - Personal Protection Order
WC - Workmen's Compensation

Monday, March 22, 2010; Judge Bailey

9:30 a.m. 10028TM - LRBOI v. Brooks Sentencing
10:00 a.m. 09230GC - Wilcoz v. Wilson Trial
1:30 p.m. 09240TM - LRBOI v. Hannah Sentencing
1:30 p.m. 10051CT - LRBOI v. Horton Show Cause
2:00 p.m. 10040TM - LRBOI v. Reister Sentencing
2:30 p.m. 08168DM - James v. James Motion/Review



Tribe and State Agree! The Ogema's office announced late last Friday that Michigan Governor Jennifer M. Granholm has signed compact amendments recently negotiated with the tribe. These amendments are necessary for us to move forward on development of the Muskegon Casino. A third amendment must be ratified by the state Legislature. The entire Press Release from Friday is quoted below.

Press Release regarding Compact Agreement with Governor Granholm.

(March 19, 2010) Manistee, MI

Major step forward for Muskegon Project

In a move that would revitalize the economy of hard-hit Western Michigan, the tribal government of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and Michigan Governor Jennifer M. Granholm have announced an agreement which helps to clear the way for development of a gaming facility in Fruitport Township just outside of Muskegon.

Governor Granholm and the tribal government have reached agreement on two compact amendments that bring the tribe one step closer to building the casino on the site of the former Great Lakes Downs Racetrack. The amendments will allow the tribe to go forward with the process of placing a small portion of the property into trust with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

A third compact amendment is proceeding to both houses of the Michigan Legislature regarding changing the definition of "Eligible Indian Lands" under section 2 (B) (1). Both houses will need to approve this additional amendment in order for the project to move forward. The first two amendments did not require legislative approval.

The tribe already operates the popular Little River Casino Resort in their northern tribal lands in Manistee, MI. (www.lrcr.com). Little River recently celebrated their 10th anniversary where they continue to be the largest employer in Manistee County providing approximately 1000 jobs and millions of dollars each year in revenue sharing money to the state, the county and the community.

The tribe contributes 6% of their electronic gaming revenue to the state of Michigan and an additional 2% to the local community through a Revenue Sharing Board. Over the years, these P.I.L.T. funds have provided millions of dollars to local schools, area law enforcement agencies and a multitude of other organizations that contribute to the well-being of all county residents.

The agreements reached between the Governor's office and the tribal government are markedly more advantageous to the state than other current gaming compacts. They are based on a sliding scale of 8% to 12% and are not contingent upon the state committing to preserving gaming exclusivity for the Muskegon casino. The new revenue sharing payments for the Muskegon facility would be payable to the Michigan School Aid Fund at a time when money for our state school systems is in jeopardy. Revenue sharing payments for the existing Little River Casino Resort would be unaffected by these new provisions.

This project began several years ago when the tribal government looked at development in their southern tribal territory. LR-BOI has tribal responsibility for 9 counties stretching from Manistee south to Muskegon. A tribal development team worked closely with the governor's office, Fruitport township and Muskegon County leaders as well as local business and union leaders as they crafted the complex agreement.

Governor Granholm encouraged the Legislature to approve the remaining compact amendment and said, "In short, neither the state nor the local units of government in Muskegon County will realize the benefit of the additional revenue sharing and the attendant economic development represented by this project unless the Legislature adopts the necessary resolutions concurring in the Third Amendment."

She concludes by saying that she believes that this project is, "...in the best interests of the state and the public...."

Tribal Ogema Larry Romanelli, a Muskegon area resident, has long been an activist for the Muskegon area and expressed pleasure with the progress of this project saying, "Muskegon has been hard hit in recent years and I am so pleased that our tribe has the opportunity to provide some hope and help to all of our people, tribal and non-tribal, at this time."

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Rapid River News!

From L.R.B.O.I.



LRBOI Family Services Department is again offering:

Positive Indian Parenting

Every Tuesday for 8 weeks beginning March 23! The classes go from 5:30pm-7:30pm at the Old Community Center by McDonalds in Manistee. There is no charge for this class. Contact Shelly Kequam 398-6707 or Kathy Lagerquist 398-6705 for more information. See the full flyer below.

Positive Indian Parenting: Honoring Our Children by Honoring Our Traditions

REMINDER

LRBOI Family Services Department is again offering:

Positive Indian Parenting

Every Tuesday for 8 weeks

beginning March 23.

5:30pm-7:30pm

Old Community Center.

There is no charge for this class

- **Children are welcome: Education Dept. will be doing some cultural learning activities with the children while class is going on.**
- o **Supper is provided.**
 - * **Take home gifts each week.**

This class is very different from other parenting classes. It was developed especially for Native American families. The program is designed to provide a brief, practical, and culturally specific training program for Native American parents.

The eight sessions cover:

- **Traditional Parenting – history, cultural strengths**
- **Lessons of the Storyteller – communication, values, observation**
- **Lessons of the Cradleboard – bonding, nurturing, development**
- **Harmony in Childrearing – balance, family structure, self-control, prevention**
- **Traditional Behavioral Management – guidelines, limits, discipline**
- **Lessons of Mother Nature – living skills, social skills**
- **Praise in Traditional Parenting – Positive Reinforcement skills**
- **Choices in Parenting – setting goals, problems of parenting, what kind of parent to be**

We incorporate the SEVEN GRANDFATHERS, SMUDGING, ANISHINAABEMOWIN PRAYER, MEDICINE WHEEL, and other Anishinaabe tradition values into our teaching to encourage parents to pass this cultural knowledge on to their children. Elders are encouraged to come and share their wisdom with the group.

This class is appropriate for Native American parents, as well as non-Natives caring for Native children:

Two parent families

Adoptive parents

Blended families

Foster parents

Single Moms and Dads

Teen parents

Grandparents

For more information please call LRBOI Family Services Department:

Shelly Kequam 398-6707 or Kathy Lagerquist 398-6705

We appreciate pre-registration so we can plan for child care and meals.

Compiled by the Office of Public Affairs

If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:
The Office of Public Affairs, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.

Or send them direct to currentcomments@lrboi.com.

Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.